

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

ELECTION/RESTRICTION

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-22, 25-27, 41 and 42, drawn to methods for treating animal bedding, classified in class 71, subclass 15.
- II. Claims 23, 24 drawn to a bedding for animals, classified in class 424, subclass 76.6.
- III. Claims 28-40 drawn to a method of poultry farming, classified in class 514, subclass 557.

The Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the invention of claims 1-22, 25-27, 41 and 42 directed to methods for treating animal bedding. Claims 23-24 and 28-40 have been withdrawn. New claims 43-48 have been submitted for consideration.

Applicant believes this Reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues. In the event there are additional charges in connection with the filing of this Response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account No. 50-0714/BION/0013 of the firm of the below-signed attorney in the amount of any necessary fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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